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One doctor was permanently assigned to each regiment. One of his duties was to give all pilots a cursory physical check (pulse and visual examination) before the day's flying activities. The military hospital [] was located in Elblag and was one which all the services used. Military hospitals were located in various areas throughout Poland, and all the military organizations located in one area used the hospital in that area.

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the Central Institute of Physical Examinations for the Air Force (Centralny Instytut Badan Lotniczo - Lekarskich) located in downtown Warsaw in a building owned by the Polish Air Force. All pilots had to undergo a complete physical examination here every six months. There were about 10 doctors assigned to the Institute. The physical examination took eight hours and was given to 20 pilots at one time. The examination consisted of an X-ray of the chest, and a check of the eyes, ears, nose, throat, nerves, heart, and blood pressure.1.

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Summer and winter all pilots used a light leather flying suit, a soft leather helmet, and fur-lined leather boots.

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training in a pressure chamber

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young pilots who had just finished training were sent to Malbork for 30 days' TDY. There was a pressure chamber in Malbork about 3 x 10 m. It was large enough for four persons, three pilots, and one doctor. A doctor specialist from the division was in charge of the chamber training. Each day the young pilots spent approximately one hour in the chamber, always without an oxygen mask. The first few days they were taken to 4,000 meters' altitude, remained at that altitude for a few minutes, were brought back to ground level pressure again, and then back to 4,000 meters. This continued for about an hour each day. Gradually the altitude was increased, so that at the end of 30 days, they were being taken to 7,000 meters. the pilots who had undergone this altitude indoctrination course were able to withstand the lack of oxygen at high altitudes for greater than normal lengths of time.

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if a pilot was in a prone position the effect of pulling "G's" was less

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A. There was a considerable amount of propaganda on the radio and in the newspapers concerning the use by the US of bacteriological and chemical warfare in Korea. One example was a picture of a bomb which had broken open; crawling out of it were thousands of bugs. Political officers [redacted] talked of this quite frequently when the charges were first made, but mentioned it only infrequently in the last few months.

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